

Serial No. 09/899,575 Docket No. PP01631.102 2302-1631.21

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Examiner: B. Whiteman

ZUR MEGEDE et al.

Group Art Unit: 1635

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ANTIGENIC HIV TYPE C POLYPEPTIDE, POLYPEPTIDES AND USES THEREOF

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing, please find the following documents:

- Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement (5 pages) <u>X</u>
- Petition for Extension of Time (2 pages) <u>X</u>
- Return receipt postcard X

The fee is calculated as follows:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	97	- 97	0	x \$50.00	\$0
Independent Claims	30	- 30	0	x \$200.00	\$0
Multiple dependent claims not previously presented, add \$360.00					\$0
Total Amendment Fee					\$0
Petition for Extension of Time Fee					\$120.00
Small Entity Reduction (if applicable)					\$0
TOTAL FEE DUE					\$120.00

\underline{x} A check for \$120.00 is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

By:

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 7, 2005

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 5, 2005. Applicants request a one-month extension of time and attach the appropriate fee, making a response due on or before March 5, 2005. Because March 5, 2005 falls on a Saturday, a response filed the next business day, Monday, March 7, 2005 is considered timely. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.